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Requirements for

I. Background: There is apparently considerable civil defense preparation being carried on in the Soviet Bloc. This was reportedly reorganized and redirected early in 1956 to prepare for passive defense against nuclear (and biological) weapons. The status of civil defense may be an important indication reflecting Soviet intentions or apprehensions regarding the imminence of nuclear warfare.

Source claims knowledge of air cleaners or filters for air raid shelters. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. Requirements:

Give full description of air cleaning device for air raid shelters including:

- 1. Detailed sketch with dimensions
- 2. Specifications as to air capacity, materials used, filter agents to be used
- 3. Power source, and alternate in case of failure
- 4. Directions for installation
- 5. Agents (bacteriological, chemical, radiological) against which the cleaner or filter might be effective
- 6. Mumbers manufactured, for whom, cost if possible.

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